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Iron Pederson went to Medicine Hat Friday last to see his father who is in the Hospital there. He returned Monday and reported his father is slightly improved.

Mr. Nick Greenstone of Newdale was a business visitor in Bow Island last Monday.

The fine spring weather has induced the gophers and wild ducks to make their appearance.

We are glad to report that Rev. Gilbert and family are all doing very nicely.

Mr. J.E. Still took charge of the service at the United Church Sunday night as no supply was available.

Rev. Thomas Powell of Calgary will preach in the United Church Sunday March 6th.  
Sunday School 11. Church 7:30.

Numbers of farmers are getting their feed for spring work and are preparing to hit the govt hard again this spring.

Dr. Munroe had his band of horses brought into town last Friday where he banded his colts and is to take them all across the river for pasture.

Don't forget to attend the Easter Millinery Opening at Mrs. McLaues Saturday March 12th.

People who make a public nuisance of themselves by being drunk and disorderly will be fined and cost sometimes \$100.

Mr. S.J. Hall of Maleb was in town last Saturday on business and to meet his wife who has returned from a visit to Calgary.

## Pantry Sale

The United Ladies Aid will hold a Pantry Sale and Tea on Saturday March 12th, at 3 p.m. Everybody is Welcome.

Mr. P. Beuhring, of Winnifred, was a business visitor here on Wednesday last.

Mr. Salisbury, of Winnifred District, was a business caller here on Wednesday last.

There are rumours in the air that Harold Landolt has remodelled his residence throughout. He has also installed an electric light. Some class he must have faith in the rainmaker.

Miss Smith who had been nursing Mrs. Chas. Thompson, returned to Calgary on Thursday last.

Mr. E.A. Tunstall motored to Winnifred with his wife and family on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Henry were business callers in town on Monday last.

Mrs. Holson's friends will be glad to hear that she is getting on very nicely.

## St. Michael's Church

Mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock, Sunday March 6th.

## NOTICE

U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.  
Pres. I.D. James Pres. Mrs. H. Schouert  
Sec. G. Monds Sec. Mrs. G. Calder  
Will meet on Saturday  
March 12th.

## THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT

by C.F. HENRY Bow Island

This is a very broad subject, and would require a large volume to go into all details so will be as brief as possible.

The co-operative idea is not understood by the majority of the people and the idea of one class co-operating to control their products means, to control, so as, to receive the highest price for the production, and bring back the manufactured article, to the consumer, with the least possible change for speculation; and under our present system of buying and selling, it is impossible to regulate the system thus co-operative unless it is 100% pool, and then, it becomes a monopoly, and monopoly is what the farmers are trying to get out of, so pooling is pointing towards monopoly, and then co-operation by groups does not reach far enough to cover all commodities so speculation still exists.

The organized farmers, have reached the point in their existence where they must decide, whether they are for co-operation for their own gain, or whether it is to control all lines of industry, and as they have for their motto "Equality" we take it that as they have declared for political action, that they mean to give to all classes the benefit of a square deal. So, that being our conclusion, it must be worked out on the idea of all classes being producers and not speculators as they are at present.

My idea as expressed, in my former article of all industries coming under a special principle of government control by boards of industry and give each one power to regulate the distribution, on the cost of production and the tax each one must bear according to the responsibilities and amount of their production. Advocate this plan in preference to government ownership on the grounds that it will upset the present commercial system and every thing will adjust itself to new reality. These boards of industry must have full power to check up each industry and have full power to regulate and not allow speculation to come in.

I gave as an illustration, the plan of the late wheat board, which eliminated speculation except the negotiable participating certificate, and as a sample of what it accomplished it

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only took a 1/4 of a cent a bushel to sell the farmers' wheat that year.

Speculation is the great enemy of the people, and it starts with the wage system which is a form of slavery and should be abolished, as it is a system can be inaugurated and get labor to operate on their own account. There is too much dependence put on the labor situation and labor can not get any real results out of wages.

These boards of industry should provide for the laborer so he would be an asset to each and all branches of industry, and assume personal responsibility for his allowance and success.

There is a tendency in the farmers movement to discard the wheat board idea, to the co-operative pool for selling wheat, now this is only one commodity, and if they succeed and should be enabled to get a higher price for their wheat, the organized business will only have to add the extra cost and they will have their profit as before, there is no solution unless all industries are controlled, the co-operative idea has been tried out in the European countries for many years, in England at the outbreak of the war there was 75% of the business

done by these societies and before the war closed 20 per cent shut out the co-operative societies.

Now fellow farmers think for yourselves, why the Wheat Pool?

For our own selves to speculate and control the wheat market.  
Let us as organized farmers declare for this principle of Government control at our next convention and nominate men pledged to this principle and we will elect every candidate so nominated, and we will be a credit to Humanity.

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## Old friends of Red Rose Tea who have used it for many years find it the same good tea to-day as it was all during the war and for many years before.

### The Only Solution

In this column a few weeks ago, some attention was devoted to the subject of the Canadian Banking system and the relations existing between the Banks on the one hand and the public on the other hand—the public being divided into two groups, those who placed money on deposit in the Banks and those who borrowed money from the Banks. At that time the principle was upheld that a Bank's first duty was to its depositors, that is, to those from whom it had accepted money and for whom it undertook to act as a trustee of the funds thus entrusted to it.

It was further pointed out that the lending power of a Bank depended upon the volume of its deposits, and that, if a Bank failed to adequately protect its depositors, it would very quickly lose them and hence have no money to loan. It may be that there are still some people laboring under the delusion that a Bank carries a lending business out of its tiller—its capital and accumulated reserves, but it only requires a very casual study of the Monthly Bank Returns to reveal the fact that the total paid-up capital and reserves of all the chartered Banks in Canada is equivalent to only a small fraction of the amount of money they have out in loans to the people. This means that the Banks have loaned the money received by them by way of deposits, retaining in cash on hand only sufficient to meet any demands which depositors may make upon them from day to day.

Such a system—such is the only sound and safe banking system—forces upon Banks the necessity when "hard times" and "financial stringencies" arise to curtail credits, because it is inevitable that it is during just such periods that the mass of the money drops to a low ebb, and, (2) that those who have money on deposit have to draw some of it for use. There is only one thing for the Banks to do in order to protect their depositors and be in a position to honor all cheques drawn upon them, and that is to curtail credits and reduce their loans.

In a very able article before the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' convention at Moose Jaw early in February, Hon. C. A. Dunning, Provincial Treasurer, not only very clearly outlined the above situation, but he demonstrated, apparently to the satisfaction of his big audience, why a Federal Banking system is the only one in which the people of the West can look for satisfactory results. The West is a seasonal country. In the Fall and early Winter, when the grain crop is harvested and largely marketed, the bulk of the people have money. It is at that time the farmers pay their bills, interest on loans and mortgages, and when the better established farmers place money on deposit in the Banks. At that season few farmers, comparatively speaking, require credit. It is only at that time for the speculative purpose of holding their grain for a rise in the market price.

At other periods of the year, farmers are not making deposits, but are either gradually withdrawing money they had on deposit or are asking credit.

In other words, at one period of the year when a purely local or Provincial Bank would have money on deposit which could be used for lending purposes, the demand for credit is at a minimum, while the period when loans are most urgently required is the time when deposits are not being made, but are reduced to the lowest figure. It will be seen, therefore, that a purely local Western Bank would never be able to function as a great lending institution at the very time when loans were imperatively required. Under the Federal system, on the other hand, a surplus of money on deposit in one section of the country can be used in another section where it may be required, money flowing back and forth, or in a circle, with the varying seasonal requirements of all sections.

Mr. Dunning, therefore, held out no hope of the establishment of purely Western agricultural Banks. On the other hand, while frankly stating that the present Canadian Banking system was well designed to meet the needs of commerce and industry, he was originally created. Mr. Dunning admitted it had its weaknesses from the Western agricultural standpoint. The remedy, however, was, in his opinion, to be found in the making of certain amendments to the Banking Act which would enable Banks to accept certain securities now prohibited to them and thereby make possible the extension of larger and better credit terms to farmers.

Many of the more far-seeing Western bankers realized the necessity of such amendments, and would, it is believed, have been ready to advise the farmers to urge such amendments when the Banking Act came up for its decennial revision a year or two hence, rather than to persist in the impracticable demand for the establishment of local or Provincial Banks in the Western Provinces. The need for the Federal system is increasing the credit needs of agriculture. This was impossible in a country where 75 per cent. of the people were engaged in a seasonal occupation. The present Federal Banking system, revised to meet the needs of agriculture, offers the only practical solution to this problem which is so vital to the development and prosperity of the West.

### He Should Worry

Holland Pays Cost of Crown Prince's Residence in Rome.

Because Holland insists that the former Crown Prince of Germany live at Wieringen, and no other place in Holland, the government will continue to bear the cost of his residence. This statement was made by Premier de Dreuvenbroek in answer to a demand made in a recent session of the Dutch House of Representatives that Frederick William should pay for his upkeep.

"The actual interment of the former crown prince ended a few days after his arrival in Wieringen," he said.

### Find Valuable Jewels

Vast Quantities of Precious Stones in Old Truck.

Finance Minister Hegedus has discovered vast quantities of precious stones in an old iron truck deposited unknown years ago in the treasury building at Budapest, Hungary.

The minister was searching the treasury in the hope of finding relief from the present treasury's increased state and saw the truck, which he had believed to contain papers. When it was broken into, thousands of opals and other precious stones appeared, the value of which is estimated at 200,000,000 crowns.

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## World Happenings Briefly Told

Cossacks are said to have attacked Trotsky's train and wounded several of his ministers.

Springfield, Ill., claims to have 6,000 women in business, professions and industrial life.

Great catcombs will be built at Cervera, Spain, where all the Catholics of Spain will be housed. Lack of snow during the winter is causing considerable inconvenience in the lumber camps.

Catholic organs of France are denouncing the fact that Gen. Cotelet was not made a marshal of France in the recent honors list.

There are indications that Enrico Caruso's voice will be better than after the illness which nearly caused his death.

This monthly defective persons in Ontario are barred from marriage, was one of the proposals made at the Toronto Ministerial Association.

Canada is to be represented at the first "World" poultry congress, which is to be held at The Hague from September 6 to September 13 next.

Paris to New York in 12 hours will be the next development in air-plane service, according to Emile Schriber, editor of the Paris "Revue Et Echoes."

Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrols, which have been on long-distance expeditions during the winter returning from various districts in the Yukon.

Records of the great earthquake, which shook many parts of the earth's surface December 18 and December 19, 1916, in Saskatchewan, Sask., led by Dr. Herbert Hall Turner, professor of astronomy at Oxford University, to locate the centre of the disturbance.

### Minard's Liniment For Danfur.

Sugar Production Breaks All Records. Production of sugar in the United States in 1920 broke all previous records.

A preliminary announcement by the bureau of crop estimates placed the aggregate production of beet and cane sugar for the year at 2,665,174,000 pounds, a 15 per cent. increase over the previous record output in 1916. Beet sugar at 2,110,000,000 pounds showed a 27 per cent. increase over the previous record production in 1915.

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The best "close-up" photograph of a moon brings our nightly visitor to a point where a map may be made on the scale of 50 miles to the inch.

### WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to a stuffy, badly ventilated room. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rack his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes fretful and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach, break up colds, break up colic. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box. Write to Dr. J. C. Williams, Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### May Identify Soldier Dead

Use of Teeth Charts to be Adopted by U.S. Army.

The United States graves registration service has expressed itself as opposed to the selection at present of all of them through teeth charts which are being sent to Washington and compared with the records.

It is an undisputed fact that some men do not have any more sense when they get married than they did when they were born.

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## Gray Flannel for This Trim Frock



By Gertrude Beresford.

Flannel in all colors is a favored fabric in the realm of dress. In the model that is illustrated a very pretty shade of gray is chosen. It is fashioned on the simple lines that so accentuate the youthfulness of the figure. Dark blue crepe de chine in two different widths decorates this delightful dress, which boasts the very shortest sleeves that are remarked on among the new creations for spring. The hat of gray-crepe de chine is a new version of the sailor. The crown is softly draped and the brim lightly rolled down from the face. A band of crepe de chine is drawn around the crown and tied at the sides so that the ends swing to the shoulders.

### Too Much Political Graft

Many say it can't be prevented, neither can wars or comets but they can be relieved by Fulton's Corn Elixir; it relieves corns and warts without pain in twenty-four hours. Use only Fulton's, 25c, at all dealers.

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Influenza Was More Expensive Than Post-War Casualties.

One of the outstanding features in the insurance business during the year ending March 31, 1920, was the excessive mortality in the early months due to the influenza epidemic, stated G. D. Finlayson, superintendent of Insurance, in his report tabled in the house of commons by Sir Henry Drayton. Influenza was more costly to the life insurance companies in Canada during that period than were post-war casualties.

The average man resembles a whale; he no sooner gets on top than he begins to blow—Boston Transcript.

### Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia

Would Amend Banking System. Tentative steps for the establishment of a provincial rural credit system were taken recently by the Provincial Treasurer in suggesting that the Canadian Council of Agriculture commence an expert examination into the possibility of developing the Canadian banking system to meet the requirements of agriculture.

The present banking system, he claimed, whilst a most admirable one, was not created to meet the demands for agriculture, and the system of management leaves it to the head office to grant loans, while officials are not always in a position to judge the tenacity of the applicants.

The Family Physician. The good doctor is always worth his fee. But he is not always possible to get a doctor just when you want him. In such cases, common sense suggests the use of reliable home remedies such as Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil. This is a vegetable oil which relieves inflammatory pains and is healing for rheumatism, bruises and sprains. The presence of this remedy in the family medicine chest saves many a

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## Rebellion Days, 1884-85

By G. G. M. A. B. (Little Clerk).

(Continued.)

A couple of hours brought us to Goodfellow's, and here we received the heartiest of welcomes and heard the rather astounding news that the postmaster at Ft. La Corne had skipped down the river, taking his winter's furs, but leaving all goods and ammunition behind with no one to look after them. Goodfellow, though he had retired some years back, was one fire to save what he could of the company's property, but he had been alone, as all the surrounding residents had fled likewise. Now, with two of us, we decided to visit the fort next morning and stay the day. We received some very good news also as to a safe escape from the country (but the time for that was not yet) as he had a York boat hidden in a creek, and our united stocks would supply provision us. In addition, we had four or five fat hens and plenty of hooks and ammunition. His cattle, of which he had a large band, worried him as to their final disposal, and we finally decided on the quiet that one of us would have to stay with them with his oldest boy and drive them to a safe retreat about nine miles to the east. He was in great spirits over my arrival, and said that we were now good for a regime of relief. We made a lantern night, he, telling stories of wintering on the plains among the buffalo where they had often been the company's property against hostile Indians. And the ladies who saw one another very seldom on those days equally enjoyed their time with Goodfellow, who was a member of the well-known Turner family, was the soul of hospitality, and our children were at once petted and made much of by their fine youngsters.

Breakfasting early next morning and seeing to our arms, we drove down to old Ft. La Corne, at that time situated about two miles down the river from the present post and within easy reach of the water, all imported supplies coming by the river at that time. We found a number of Indians very much interested in the valuable goods lying about the hills to Goodfellow had been master of La Corne for a number of years and immediately ordered men all across Saskatchewan River. They went at once, being a peaceable crowd, and Christianized for many years back, they being the last of the oldest Church of England Missions in Saskatchewan.

As we were liable to be visited by hostiles at any time, to our supplies would be very acceptable, our first thought was of the ammunition, there being a considerable stock of powder, bullets, shot, and flint, for flint lock guns were still in use. We finally disposed of these in an old dry packing them carefully against dampness and removing all traces on the surface. We then carried all valuable things that were lying about into the store, put different classes of goods in the padlocked the place and went back home for the night. It took several days of steady work to get our inventory of all goods on hand, and the last day, while we were fixing up totals (which ran well into the thousands) the door of the shop opened and in filed four French half-breeds. I thought we were in for

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trouble and backed up against the shelves, where my six-shooter was lying loaded, then looked at George. Not a word was spoken. I could not see his head was curling, and finally he said in sharp tones, "What do you want?" With that, the leader evidently produced a letter to him from Chief Clarke at Prince Albert, asking him to take an inventory of all goods he could find and ship the same down to Cumberland House, further stating that these men were loyal French half-breeds and anxious to get away from the fighting. The tension was then relaxed. I asked George afterwards what he would have done if he had proved honest. "I would have called to them to pitch their hands up," was his instant reply. "I was over forty years in the company's service and never had anything taken from me; yet also I noted you had your big pistol handy." The letter also instructed that a careful copy of the inventory was to be sent up to Mr. Clarke by a trustworthy hand. Poor Lawrence Clarke. For many years he could have been called the uncrowned King of Northern Saskatchewan, with everyone obedient to his dictates. Now he had no more of his good friends shot down at Duck Lake by rebels, and the shock was too much for him. He was a fine old man in the company's service, a fine fellow never stepped, and I owe him much gratitude for many acts of kindness.

We at once commenced packing and made a good start, then arranged a camp for the men and went back home, intending to freight my furs down in the morning. This we did, and after some hours' hard work, saw the light of day, to valuable cargo. This meant safety as the rebels never attempted reaching the lower Saskatchewan. Running to the mouth of this river at Red Rapids was the steamer Colvill on Lake Winnipeg, which took all cargoes on to Port Garry.

After fair copies had been made of the inventory and shipping bills, I volunteered to take them to Prince Albert, who started next morning in the saddle by way of the forts. This is a wild and beautiful spot where the waters of the north and south meet, and the water is very high, banks clothed with dark spruce, and whirling, eddying waters. I could see a house on the far bank and fired several shots to attract attention but without success; so after careful search up and down the bank in the hope of a boat or canoe, I determined I rather recklessly determined to swim it. Riding up the south bank for half a mile, taking a large log, I placed a cart and placed valuables and papers on it, placing into the water we went. Wow, but it was cold, and it took the little party a long time to get going up to the other bank, and we were both very much exhausted on reaching there. In fact but for the log I doubt if we could have got going up to the house I found it deserted, the cellar trap open and a young beaver lying dead on the floor of the store. After some search I found plenty of fresh eggs, laid a monster fire, had a good supper and dried my clothes. The party was quite comfortable in the stable, with lots of hay, and there I also slept.

## To Circumvent Car Taxes Keep Watch On Ex-Kaiser

**Bill Now Pending In Ontario Would Stop Motor Cars.**  
Toronto—Hon. Mr. Duggan, bill attending the Motor Vehicles Act was given a second reading in the legislature. The Minister of Finance, Mr. Duggan, accepted a suggestion from J. A. Calder, member for North Oxford, that a clause be included providing that garages should be carefully inspected to see that they contain no stolen cars. Mr. Calder said many stolen cars were broken up and the parts used for repairs. Hon. Mr. Duggan said he was willing to do anything to help stamp out the theft of cars, which had arrived at an appalling stage.

### Big Relief Bill.

Toronto—At least \$54,000 is spent in Toronto weekly to keep up the maintenance of the unemployed, and apparently there is no sign of the situation abating.

### Navigation Opens April 15.

Port Arthur, Ont.—Lake marine insurance will go into effect April 15, which means that it is the date officially set for the opening of navigation.

## Keep Watch On Ex-Kaiser

**Wilhelm Must Accept Dutch Restrictions As To His Liberty.**

The Hague—Replying to a question in parliament as to the present status of former Emperor William of Germany, and the former Crown Prince, Foreign Minister Van Kantenbeck announced that J. B. Kan, secretary-general of Dutch Governmental affairs, had been instructed to carry out the regulations now in force or any which might be taken to restrict the liberty of the Hohenzollerns. But the former Kaiser said his status, said the foreign minister, were considered as "foreigners," who because of positions they held, must content themselves with the restrictions placed on their liberty.

### Edmonton Edmonton Nurses.

Edmonton—The Hospital Board ordered deleted from the guidelines all clauses of censure against the superintendent, Miss McMillan, and her chief assistant, Miss McGillivray, by the H.B. board. They are now completely exonerated from blame in connection with the recent inquiry, and the new board further stating that a great injustice was done then.

## Sees No Need For Election

**Senator Crosby Cannot Understand On What Ground Election Is Demanded.**

Ottawa—In the Senate, Senator Power asked permission to introduce the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment with his condemnation of the government's administration. So far as he could learn that department was very effective and its work creditable.

Resuming the debate on the address, Senator Crosby condemned those who would open this country to the United States. Senator Crosby by no means understood upon what the Liberals held their demand for an election.

## Want Change in Taxation

**Advertising Discussed at Final Session of Toronto Convention.**

Toronto—Advertising was the chief topic of discussion at the final session of the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada. The Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, held its annual meeting at the Hotel Windsor, Toronto, on April 14.

During the deliberations there were sweeping condemnations of the existing rates, Commander Lewis, of Rock Creek, remarking "that since coming to this country he had taken no interest in politics as it had seemed to him to be absolutely dirty." The convention decided to ask the Provincial Government to appoint a commission to secure reliable data on the Oriental question, in view of the approaching Imperial conference.

At present session, the Manitoba Legislature for a charter in connection with the formation of the wheat pool association, according to George Langley, minister of municipal affairs for Saskatchewan, who is in the city.

In explaining the delay, Mr. Langley said the formation of such a body, to which thousands of farmers belong, constituted an undertaking of gigantic magnitude meriting the most careful consideration. Another factor which would have to be dealt with at some length was the question of determining the status of farmers in the association, who, though possessing no financial interest in the organization, were entitled to consideration in its direction.

**Capture 2,000 Bolsheviks.**  
London—The London Times reports that it has received information to the effect that the Georgian government has repulsed the Bolshevik attack on Tiflis and made 2,000 prisoners. The capital is said to be out of danger and the position of the Georgians is favorable.

**Imperial Property For Dominion.**  
Halifax—Formal transfer of the Dominion Government of all Imperial property in Halifax and elsewhere in Canada, has been made, state local military officers.

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## Trouble For Soviet

**Rebellion On Widespread Scale Is Reported In Eastern Russia.**

Copenhagen—Reports that widespread rebellions have broken out in Eastern Russia and that the Soviet Government has been forced to send large forces to attempt to restore order were telegraphed from Helsinki by the Berlingske Tidende's correspondent there, who quotes press reports from what are declared to be an authoritative source. The trouble arose over the failure of the Moscow Government to provide food and fuel for the inhabitants, the reports say.

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## Upper House Member Leaves Government Benches

**Senator Turill Has Announced His Decision To Resign.**

Ottawa—Senator Turill has announced himself as a supporter of the National Progressive party and left the government side of the house for the cross benches. He took this course because he did not agree with the government's tariff policy and the government's policy of the province which he represented were overwhelmingly in favor of the fiscal policy of the Progressives.

During the debate on the bill for his course in 1917, when he broke with his old policy and supported conscription.

Dealing with the tariff, Senator Turill had been surprised to hear Senator Foster, in moving the address, point out that cotton could be brought into Canada from the United States, manufactured and sold in competition with the United States finished products in the country of South America. This did not indicate that Canadian manufacturers

could not compete with manufacturers of the United States.

Senator Pope criticized Senator Turill for his inattention of the co-operative in the Senate, and said that if the manufacturers were permitted to make the profits of the co-operative grain associations of the world, they would be worth many more millions. These organizations robbed the farmers. Hon. T. A. Cresser was the third man of the co-operative in the Senate, and said that the co-operative in Canada at \$15,000 per annum, and of the people of Canada at \$40,000 per annum.

If he wished to represent Canada, he should court his \$15,000 cheque.

An investigation commission should be appointed. If it did not show the greatest wrong to farmers, he would leave the Senate. The grain organizations of the west had stolen millions of bushels of wheat from the farmers. The money for a sample market was held up by the grain organizations.

**Britain To Have Daylight Saving.**  
London—Daylight saving will begin in this country at midnight April 2, and will end midnight, October 2.





# The Wide Scope of Work Carried on By the Seed Branch

The seed branch works along the lines of the encouragement of the use of better and purer seed, and the production of good seed. During the war years it also had charge of the work of insuring a proper supply of good seed for districts in Canada where there was an apparent shortage. This branch also administers the Seed Control Act, and at the last session of parliament the administration of the Commercial Feeding Stuff Act was also placed under the charge of this branch.

There are four divisions in the seed branch, namely: Seed Testing Division, Seed Inspection Division, Seed Markets Division, and Seed Purchasing Commission.

The Seed Testing Division maintains and operates Government Seed Laboratories at Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary, where purity analyses and germination tests of seed samples for farmers, seed merchants and institutions are carried on. Official samples taken by customs officers from seed importations, by seed inspectors under the Seed Control Act, and for special investigations are also tested at these laboratories. A great deal of investigational and research work with seeds has been carried out during the past few years, and some valuable work connected with the micro-analysis tests of feeding stuffs has also been brought to a favorable conclusion.

The Seed Inspection Division enforces the Seed Control Act. The inspectors connected with this division inspect seed grain, flax, flax seed, received into, and shipped from government elevators or other warehouses by the Seed Purveyor, or certain importations, or other dealers. Certain importation regulations are applied, and general quality standards for the various grades of clover, prairie grass, timothy, and other seed crops, are also maintained. Samples submitted to the seed laboratories for test are graded and reported on by this division.

The Seed Markets Division completes and issues semi-monthly seed market reports, prepared and distributed to reliable seed importers in other parts of the empire and foreign countries. It also supervises the administration of the subsidies paid by the Seed Branch to the various provinces in connection with seed fairs and field crop competitions. During the war years this division, in collaboration with the Division of Forage Plants of the Experimental Farm Branch, also arranged the great production of a large quantity of field root seed of which at that time it was anticipated there would be a serious shortage. Advertising matter is also resorted to in order to bring about the extension of markets for Canadian seed.

The Seed Purchasing Commission has now been in operation for some four years. It was originally established as a war measure in order to secure a supply of good seed for farmers in certain areas which had been devastated by drought or other causes and has been in operation since that time. This commission purchases, stores, cleans and distributes at cost inspected seed of good quality to those districts where there is a seed shortage. It has already done a business of over three million dollars per year.

The outside work of the Seed Branch is carried on by a field staff of inspectors. For technical assistance, administration the Dominion is divided into six districts, each of which has a district seed inspector in charge. The officers in these districts are occupied with seed inspection, inspecting field crops, obtaining market information, judging seed and addressing meetings.

It is anticipated that the new Commercial Feeding Stuff Act will be put into operation early in the coming year, and that this will result in a large increase in the activity of the Seed Branch.

## Find Arms in Berlin.

An official statement concerning the recent discovery of a store of arms in the west end of Berlin, says it is estimated that the number of rifles seized will total a considerable number, 2,000 having already been counted.

A Parisian charwoman, 83 years old recently made an airplane flight, using her life's savings to finance the trip.

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## A Costly Lesson

Efforts to Apply State Socialism Fails in North Dakota.

The short cut to universal prosperity taken by the State of North Dakota four years ago turns out to be a blind alley. The effort to apply State socialism has failed. North Dakota is compelled by their financial chaos to go back into the bootstrap. Disguise it how they may, the Non-Partisan Leagues have been obliged to abandon their half-completed projects and to resort to the older, well-tried methods of conducting commercial enterprises and public business.

The agitators who prey upon the credulity of agricultural communities will doubtless endeavor to represent the failure of North Dakota's experiment as due to the spiritual opposition of outside financiers and capitalists. The truth is that North Dakota has been unable to obtain the capital required to carry out its schemes because its credit was destroyed. People will not buy bonds unless they are pretty sure that the money is going to be wisely spent. Financiers will not loan capital for purposes of non-profit experiment. So North Dakota could not obtain the capital required to carry out its schemes and its assets either worthless or to depreciate.

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In order to find a market for \$6,000,000 in State bonds the legislature will be obliged to abolish most of the Socialistic undertakings of the Non-Partisan League, whose leaders have recently been expelled from this project and will abandon all their projects except the State mill and elevator. Thirty-two banks have failed up and the State of North Dakota is to undergo a thorough investigation.

The State taught the electors of the State in an expensive one. They would have been infinitely better off had they pursued the safer, but slower, course of developing their industries by voluntary co-operation instead of trying to utilize the powers of the State Legislature and Government to force unwise developments.—Regina Leader.

## A Monument to Animals

The Royal Humane Society is promoting the movement. Lovers of animals will be glad to learn that a monument will be erected in honor of the services rendered in the war by dogs, horses, pigeons and other animals.

More than one man will be erected, and the Royal Humane Society is promoting the movement as far as England is concerned. Of course the building of a monument will not do the animals any good, because they will not understand it, but it is a sign that it will do as good by making everybody who sees the monument pause and reflect for a moment on the great services rendered by dumb friends, millions of whom were killed at the post of duty. To what extent these animals knew that they were helping their master is a problem, of course, but there can be not the slightest doubt that the dogs at least, which were used for carrying messages under fire, knew the danger and that only their fidelity urged them to take the risks. The dogs on trench duty, too, knew their friends from their enemies and the French dogs hated a Hun as bitterly as did their masters. Horses, too, are intelligent enough to know when they are exposed to danger, and hundreds of thousands of them were well trained enough to face this danger bravely.—Mail and Empire.

## Not a Matter for Legislation

Merciful Elimination of Incubators Is Condemned by Physicians.

The merciful "elimination" of the incurably insane will never commend itself to the profession nor to thoughtful people. Dr. J. G. McFadden, of Westminster, attending the annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association at Toronto.

It is not a matter for legislation. "Who is to be the executioner?" he asked. "Who shall accept the responsibility of saying that any case is incurable?" he asked. "The answer is the same as that of releasing from agony those doomed by advanced disease to inevitable death. It is between the practitioner and his God."

## The Difference

A pessimist differs from an optimist in that the pessimist takes off his coat to go to his sleep, and the optimist takes off his coat to go to his sleep.

## Work of Red Cross



Demetrius Nikolaev Tskirlik, 13-year-old Greek boy, who was recently returned to his father in England after a lengthy search. He was a refugee from the Turk, but was ultimately located in Constantinople and brought to America through the efforts of the Red Cross Society.

## Costs Money to Run a Newspaper

The increased subscription prices shown to be fully justified. Out in Nebraska recently the committee of public utility information considered the status of the newspaper field with particular reference to the fact that while costs in many factories are decreasing, the subscription prices and advertising rates of newspapers are increasing.

The committee found after a serious investigation, that the situation is justified and that unless the incomes of many newspapers are permitted to increase the papers will be forced to suspend. The explanation for this situation is not so much the product of manual labor as it is the product of thought, energy and foresight. To maintain a certain standard the paper must employ a certain staff.

Through good times or bad the standard of the newspaper must be maintained. Its costs continue through hard times as in good times. It must be fixed; beyond that it is only a question of volume, and in the question of volume, as has been explained, the rural newspaper frequently loses.

The big dailies may be able to meet their costs to changing times, but for the country town publisher it is an impossibility.—The Fourth Estate.

## Time to Stop

Some Ways of Quenching Long and Prosy Speeches.

No novel is flouted by the speaker of the Greek Parliament. When he desires to call a member to order he sings a large bell, a bell capable of doing a din sufficient to overwhelm with its clangor any sounds issuing from the mouth of the hardest speaker. This would seem to be an altogether practical idea. Much the same method of obliterating noisy talkers was long employed in some New England communities of 60 years ago by communicants of a certain unorthodox religious sect. When a lay brother exceeded the limit of average patience in his talk and would be exchanged and a deacon would pass the word to "Sing him down." Then there was the quenching remark made at a banquet in which one listener to a long and mumbly address called, "Louder!" A second voice yelled, "And funnier!"

## Paper Mill To Increase Output

Plans of the Abitibi Paper and Pulp Company provide for not only the doubling of the present output of the new mill, but a large increase in the production of the other products of the company. The output of newsprint will be increased to 500 tons a day, and the production of sulphate and boards will be increased to between 200 and 240 tons per day. This will give the company a total production of 700 tons a day.

## Reclamation Work

Plans to drain some 100,000 acres south of Winnipeg at a cost of \$1,750,000 were considered at a meeting held recently by the Red Cross, the government and Drainage Commission. Reclaimed land in the drainage districts is selling at from \$60 to \$100 per acre, the greater part of which is being purchased by Americans.

The English half-farthing has not been coined since 1855. It was made for circulation in Ceylon.

# Agricultural Possibilities Have Been Amply Proven

## Boy Scouts to Meet in Winnipeg

Scouts from All Over North America Will Attend.

About 5,000 Boy Scouts from all over North America will attend a scout's jamboree to be held in Winnipeg next summer, according to present plans. A committee of business men has been selected to conduct the finances of the meeting. Word has been received from Stamford, Connecticut, that the Cub Scouts are preparing to send a strong delegation to the gathering, while similar organizations are being made by the organizations in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Manitoba scouts are showing keen interest in the project, as they were not permitted to send representatives to the jamboree which was held in London last summer.

## Interchange of Teachers

Interchange between Manitoba and England, Scotland, New Zealand and South Africa.

An interchange of teachers will take place this year between Manitoba and England, Scotland, New Zealand and South Africa. Altogether 20 teachers will be exchanged. These will be selected from schools of Brandon and Winnipeg and will replace, for at least a year, 12 teachers in England and Scotland, six from New Zealand and two from South Africa. The object of the exchange is to advance the knowledge of pupils here and overseas in an empire sense, and it is a part of the project initiated by the "Hands Across the Sea" branch of the Manitoba Department of Education.

## Alberta Wheat Still Grading High

Excellent Quality of Last Season's Wheat is Again Demonstrated.

The continued excellent quality of last season's wheat and oats in Alberta is again demonstrated in the results of inspections at Calgary just issued. For the month of January there were only twenty-four cars of no grade as compared with one hundred and twenty cars for the 1919 period. The same applies to oats, the comparison being thirty-two cars, as against 113 for the corresponding period in 1919. According to the returns there were 186 cars of No. 1 Northern, sixty-seven No. 2, forty-one No. 3. Other grades made up a total of three hundred and sixty cars of wheat. Since September 1st last until the end of last month the following number of grain have been inspected at Calgary:

Wheat	2,000
Oats	2,000
Barley	2,000
Rye	181

## Making Square Money

Australia Issuing Square Coins With Rounded Corners.

Australia, for the first time in her history, is issuing "klick" coins. They are not disks, like our nickels, but square, with rounded corners. They are made of this shape for two reasons. It is cheaper to cut square blanks out of metal sheets, and the coins pack better in boxes. The idea is not so novel as might be supposed. Coins of the same shape have long been in circulation in Ceylon and the Straits Settlements.

Familiar in India is a wavy-edged nickel one-anna piece with twelve rounded corners.

## Boarding School For Coast Indians.

To afford modern educational facilities to the younger Indians on the Skechelt reserve, the department of Indian affairs is preparing to erect a new Indian boarding school on the reserve at a cost of about \$125,000. Announcement of this effect is made by R. H. Cairns, inspector of Indian Schools for British Columbia. Teachers already have been called for the erection of the new school.

Among men and women troubled with heart disease, for every one who dies young there are many hundreds who, by living carefully and naturally, escape a life longer than the average person who has never been troubled this way.

King George receives an average of 25,000 letters a year from his subjects.

The common conception of the Peace River District in Northern Alberta is that it is a semi-arid region as yet only half-explored, progressing but slowly at the cost of the toll and privation of pioneers, a country of the future possibly—but a future yet remote.

Against this stands the fact that a hundred years ago, when the wealth of this northern area was apparently realized, when the Hudson's Bay Company had established posts throughout the region and were taking from it furs of inestimable worth, the plains to the south, now the greatest contributor to the world's grain and meat markets, were considered as barren waste fit only for the buffalo and the coyote and of no value in comparison to the obvious richness of the north.

In western history the fact stands out that as far back as 1876, when the agricultural productivity of the west was not so pronounced, wheat grown at Fort Chipewyan, a post established by Roderick Mackenzie, a cousin of the great explorer of the same name, secured the top prize on the Canadian Exposition at Philadelphia. This was followed up by another record in 1893, when the prize-winning wheat at the Chicago World's Fair came from the Shaftebury Settlement, fifteen miles from Peace River Crossing.

Following the settlement which has taken place in the past few years, the names of Grande Prairie, Peace River, Spirit River, Fort Vermilion and the Shaftebury Settlement have become well known to those who have ventured in western lands from their productive capabilities, whilst that of the Shaftebury World's Fair came to Fort Chipewyan as far west as Dunsmuir Crossing as far west as Fort St. John, and Hudson's Hope in British Columbia, has proved its agricultural worth after years of success.

As the region is attracting to it so many settlers, there being a large number of ex-Chinese soldiers among them, who have ideas of this country, which persisted in spite of proof to the contrary, are being eradicated. The known fact is that the region is a climate which surpasses in value that of the country to the south of it, with a longer growing season and a milder winter. Crops this year failed on the land tributary to the two railroads are estimated to amount to between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 bushels. Little wonder then that this year, farmers have been flocking in to the rich agricultural lands, or that 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$1,000,000, have been sold in the market, and the value of the land is being realized.

The production of wheat in 1920 is estimated at 40,000,000 bushels as against 37,000,000 in 1919; barley, 250,000 bushels as against 200,000; oats, 1,000,000 bushels as against 1,500,000. There are from 25,000 to 30,000 head of cattle in the district, 7,000 horses, 6,000 sheep and 12,000 hogs. During the five-year period from 1915 to 1920 there was a total of 797 homestead entries, 569 soldier grants, 38 land sales, 33 applications for patents, 232 grazing leases granted, 297 timber permits taken out, 41 hay permits secured, and 600 applicants for petroleum leases. These figures speak for themselves in regard to the popularity of this country with the modern pioneer, and bear tribute to the flow of people from every nook and corner of this area.

## Unpasteurized Milk

Thousands of men and women between the ages of 20 and 29 are dying from tuberculosis because of having partaken of unpasteurized milk, according to a statement made by Prof. Fitzgerald in a lecture to the students taking the farmer's course at the University of Toronto.

"No the young misl is to be married," said the gardener to the vicar.

"Vix" and in Wigan's way, too. She's got" to have three yards lawns taking the farmer's term "kerky" law.

May we remark that a man who tells parables is engaged in a steady business?







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## TO RENT

Good Half Section, ten miles from Bow Island. Good home and barn, three hundred acres broken part of which is summerfallow. See or write to J.M. Gibbons - Malah, Alta.

## Auction Sale

A Joint Auction Sale will be held by B.D. Smith and B.E. King at Hards farm, 1 mile South of Bow Island, on 12th, March.

D.M. Garrison, Auctioneer

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## TEN MILLION CASES MALARIA IN RUSSIA

LONDON.—There are 10,000,000 cases of malignant malaria in Russia says a Moscow dispatch to the Herald, quoting Prof. Martynovsky, an eminent specialist. The mortality is said to be three per cent. of those stricken by the disease. The dispatch states there are only five thousand pounds of quinine in the country.

## CARUSO WINS IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

NEW YORK.—Enrico Caruso's struggle for life which began last Tuesday night when he suffered a heart attack, apparently has been won, Dr. Antonio Stella, his personal physician said.

There still is danger of another relapse, Dr. Stella added, but he asserted he was satisfied with the singer's condition and was confident he would get well.

## Menace to Morals

There never was a time when true patriots of Canada needed to do more deep thinking regarding the social, economic and moral well-being of the nation than now. There are nations at this hour looking on their very foundations, and almost about to fall, because the people have lacked the elements that give solidity and sanctity to national life. If Canada is to remain a strong, energetic nation; if she is to take a leading place in the family of nations, a deeper concern must be evidenced in the moral welfare of its youth and its homes. The morality of the nation is of vastly more importance than all the moneyed interests. Anything that is a distinct menace to the moral well-being of the people should be speedily dealt with. Both Church and State are apt to be too lax in these matters.

There are four great institutions making a tremendous impact on our national life—the home, the church, the press, and the stage—with its offspring, the moving-picture house. The influence of the latter cannot be over-estimated. We are safe in saying that according to the number of tickets sold, almost two-thirds of the population of our cities enter the theatres each week. This fact is sufficient to indicate the tremendous power of the stage. According to statistics, there are as many picture shows in the United States as there are public schools. These picture houses are open more hours during the year than the schools and churches combined. If these playhouses put in wholesome films they can become a national asset. If they produce pictures antagonistic to the home, the church and the school, they are a great national detriment.

It is quite evident today that there is a deep concern as to whether the stage in all its branches is functioning for the moral good of the people and the betterment of the nation. This concern is not confined to religious and social workers. Leaders in the picture business are themselves feeling the time has come for a change. They have come to realize that pictures and vaudeville stunts carrying immoral suggestions, making light of love and holding up to ridicule domestic relations, will as surely in time ruin their business, as the opium bar and drunkenness has hastened the death of the liquor traffic. Many theatre leaders are no doubt honestly seeking to reform the theatre.

The men in the picture business are not wholly to blame for present conditions. They claim they stand ready to give the public what they want. They look at the question largely from the standpoint of dollars and cents, and their claim is that the wholesome, lucrative presentations do not pay. We know their primary concern is profit, but the nation's prime concern is the morals of the people. The tragedy of the whole thing is that people are asking for the light, trashy, suggestive form of entertainment. It was listed, on one occasion, we are told, in a certain part of the United States, and in answer to a questionnaire sent out, 60 per cent. of the people asked for "amity pictures." It is almost unthinkable that such a thing could be true.

The time has come for the Christian conscience of the nation to assert itself in this whole matter to save the country from a moral menace. People must be led to see that a craving to hear and see things that destroy the sanctity of marriage, the purity of womanhood, the reverence of our family life, is a real moral menace to the home and the national well-being. The Illinois Vigilance Association asks this pertinent question in its report on the social and moral conditions in that State: "Shall pictures and dramatic exhibits be exploited for money against the safety and character of our youth or shall they be maintained for education, morals and domestic ideals?" This is the question every right-thinking citizen and every home ought to ask and rightly answer for the good of the rising generation. The social workers in our large cities are convinced that the craze for a certain kind of pictures is

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largely responsible for lowering the moral standards, lack of reverence in the home, and for juvenile crime.

The drama makes a mighty appeal to human nature. The dramatic instincts are a real part of our endowment. They are deeply implanted in our being. They are not alien powers that have crept into our lives, not tares sown in the soil of the soul overnight. These dramatic instincts are God-given. They are a part of our very being. Little children love the dramatic. They delight in characters; anything that demands impersonation or action.

Think of the dramatic in our Lord's stories, so vivid, so full of color and movement, so picturesque. As someone has said: "There is a world of difference between a truth arrayed and a truth 'staged' between a syllogism and a picture." A missionary sermon at times may seem dull, but who is not fascinated beyond words to express, in a splendid missionary pageant where the work of Christ's kingdom is presented in the living shapes of men and women and movement.

It is well-known that the stage had its origin practically within the church. The church recognized this God-given dramatic instinct, and the old-time religious plays, portraying Bible scenes, were put on. Then the old morality plays, Shakespeare's plays, were true interpretation of life and character. They all contain a wholesome philosophy of life. Why should we now allow a foul thing to desecrate a God-given thing? Why should indecency be allowed to intrude? Are we going to permit that which God intended for our good, for our culture, relaxation and enjoyment to be tainted with blasphemy, indecency and immorality in its suggestiveness? There is no reason why the drama should be polluted until it becomes a life of the nation. We have gone far enough in the direction that harms. The pendulum must swing the other way if the stage and the movies are to cease being a menace to the morals of the nation.

## Grassy Lake

The Medicine Hat U.F.A. gave a very interesting address on the possibilities of the deluge that will occur following the installation of Professor Hatfield's towers which are to be erected at Chappie Lake, north east of Medicine Hat.

Great interest was taken in the scheme and there is no doubt but that the farmers will contribute liberally to the guarantee that has been made Mr. Hatfield by the United Agricultural Association.

The U.F.A. held one of the most successful dances in the G.W.V. Hall last Friday night. Everyone had a splendid time. The Rev. Lawrence gave a 4 reel moving picture show preceding the dance, which was both instructive and entertaining and was greatly appreciated by all present.

Constable Brauner was an official caller to Grassy Lake last Thursday.

Mrs. A. H. RYGG was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Liewellyn, at Grassy Lake on Thursday last.

The regular Weekly Meeting of the L.D.S. Relief Society was held at the home of Mrs. J. Liewellyn on Thursday last, quite a number of members were present from Burdett and district, also from Grassy Lake. All seemed to have the right sort of Truth and Light that each testifying the benefits they derive from believing in the Father. After bringing the meeting to a close by singing a hymn, refreshments were served as departing.

Chinook in general. Snow melting rapidly on this date, Feb. 24th, between Bow Island and Grassy Lake, and to determine the mildness of the weather, papers were seen on the road towards Burdett on Thursday last. This goes to show that Spring is in evidence.

## BURDETT

The ladies are very secretive just now. It is understood they are holding frequent meetings preparing for their big show at Easter. It is hoped they will be well supported.

In the recent break in the weather we hear that William Donaldson, Jun., has maintained his reputation for being the first farmer to start work in the district as he had his plow going.

On Thursday afternoon a public meeting was held in the Theatre which was addressed by Mr. Stevens, the organizer for the Rain Maker. There was a fair attendance and determination was expressed to see the necessary money from this district was forthcoming.

## Church Notice

The United Church, Burdett  
Pastor Rev. Perry Johnson  
Sunday School at 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study Class at 8 p.m. in the Parsonage

The L.D.S. Church held service at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Sunday. Everyone welcome. Lots of good singing. Come and join us next Sunday and take a fresh look at life and happiness.

## POLICE COURT—BOW ISLAND

Morris Brook, of Foremost, who has located in the district of Bow Island through the winter, appeared before J. Brown at 2 p.m. on Wednesday last at the A.P.P. Court-room. Charge: That between February 20th and 23rd inst. at or near Bow Island did leave a dead horse on the road adjacent contrary to the Health Act of Alberta. The accused pleaded not guilty. Evidence was given by Constable Brauner and others. Constable Brauner had warned him to remove the animal to the Nuisance Ground at once and bury it. This had not been done as part of the animal had been left on the roadway. The animal died from starvation. He was ordered to remove it to the Nuisance Ground, north west of town, and was fined \$10.00 and costs, or in default thirty days' hard labor in Lethbridge Jail. Fine and costs paid.

## Burdett News

From our own Correspondent

The news of the death of Mr. Sam Palmer came as a shock to many of his friends in this town. Unfortunately those who would have liked to attend the funeral did not hear of the arrangements till too late. General sympathy is expressed for his widow and his children.

C. C. Fielding and R. Stewart represented the G.W.V.A. at the funeral of the late Comrade Sam Palmer at Grassy Lake on Sunday.

George Kelly was a business visitor to Lethbridge last week where his wife is attending the Government classes for the wives of farmers in this district. From reports it would seem these ladies are having a good time.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford is a visitor to Lethbridge this week attending the Government Agricultural Classes.

Abe Brown with his wife have returned from a visit to the North where they had a good time. They report the usual hardships for the settlers who reside a long way from rail. Hauling grain fifty miles is no uncommon thing and the price of oats is nothing compared to what we have to pay in the Southern part of Alberta.

Mr. Stevens, of Medicine Hat, who is organizing this district for the United Agricultural Association, was a visitor last Tuesday. He is at present organizing defunct U.F.A. branches and also collecting subscriptions for the fund from which it is hoped a large sum will have to be paid Hatfield for the rain producer.

Mr. Stevens should have an excellent field here as the farmers have been anxious for some time to know from whom they could purchase their dollar's worth of rain. The question of a U.F.A. branch can with advantage be carefully looked into.

On Tuesday evening the Ladies' Returned Soldiers' Aid Society gave a very fine time at the Theatre. A Whist Drive was the first part of the programme, followed by a Concert (then supper and more music) which Mr. Leo Rygg volunteered to help with his violin and dancing was the order. Old Square Dancers had a good time and asked that a future date the whole affair should be repeated.

It is hardly fair to mention names if one did not give all, but exceptions must be made. Mrs. G. H. Johnson was one of the leaders in arranging the entertainment end. Mr. Stewart, the hard-working secretary, was everywhere both before and after the event, ably assisted by Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Kerham, Mrs. Emard, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Bove and, in fact, all the members. Then Miss Alice Puel and Mrs. Leo Hamel delighted the gathering with their singing. Mention must also be made of the Chorus who were real good.

Mrs. Alfred Abbott is now the proud possessor of what many consider the highest award which can be made to any Canadian woman. She has just received from the Government at Ottawa the Silver Cross, awarded to those mothers who are in the position of having given the life of a son to their Country when on Active Service. Sam Abbott is well remembered by many in Burdett. He was one of the first to leave in the early days of the war having joined the original Fighting Tenth with which regiment he proceeded to England and then to France where he was present in many engagements. He was gassed, after which he was in the Forestry Corps. Later he served in England, where he was when influenza claimed him. His death was no doubt caused by the old effects of the gas he got when in France. Mrs. Abbott is the only lady in Burdett who has this Cross which it is hoped she will live long to wear.

For a first class time in Burdett be sure and book the date Easter Monday March 28th. The Returned Soldiers' Aid Society will provide the fun, the supper and an informal dance. Further particulars later.

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